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For: THROMBOSPONDIN-BINDING
REGION OF HISTIDINE-RICH
GLYCOPROTEIN AND
METHODS OF USE

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

This response is being timely filed within the required period from the mailing date of the Restriction Requirement dated April 18, 2001. Therefore no fee is due.

In the Office Action the Examiner imposed a requirement for restriction to one of the following inventions under 35 U.S.C. §121:

- I. Claims 1-3, drawn to a protein and pharmaceutical composition, classified in class 530, subclass 380.
- II. Claims 4-21, drawn to a method of modulating thrombospondin activity in tissue, classified in class 435, subclass 7.1.
- III. Claims 22-25, drawn to a method of identifying a compound that modulates thrombospondin-binding activity in a sample, classified in class 435, subclass 4.

IV. Claim 26, drawn to a method of activating tissue plasminogen activator, classified in class 436, subclass 506.

V. Claims 27-28, drawn to method of promoting angiogenesis in mammal tissue, classified in class 514, subclass 2.

VI. Claims 29-31, drawn to a method of inhibiting tumor proliferation in a mammal, classified in class 424, subclass 145.1

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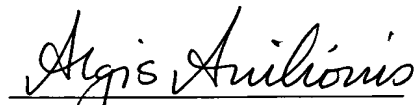
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In response to the restriction requirement, Applicants elect the subject matter defined by the claims in Group I, Claims 1-3, for the purpose of continued prosecution.

It is respectfully submitted that this application is now in condition for examination on the merits. Such examination at the Examiner's earliest convenience is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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